

A Word From Jan Skouby New Director of Motor Carrier Services

As the new director of MoDOT's Motor Carrier Services, my goal is to improve the safety and traffic flow on Missouri's transportation system by working closely with the public and our stakeholders. This includes developing a one-stop shop where customers can access all of the division's services in one location. Motor Carrier Services became part of MoDOT in July 2002 when Gov. Bob Holden signed legislation merging four separate agencies that serve the motor-carrier industry.

Motor Carrier Services annually registers about 6,300 motor carriers who travel in and through Missouri. There are approximately 5,200 motor carriers based in Missouri that MCS licenses and administers collection and distribution of fuel taxes.

To help keep Missouri roads safe, MCS also enforces Missouri Bus and Truck and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations/Hazardous Materials Regulations. MCS inspects buses at terminals and destinations, conducts compliance reviews, educational contacts, and new-entrant safety audits at motor carrier terminals, safety inspections and investigation of complaints. Educational Outreach assistance is also provided to motor carriers based in Missouri.

The first step toward consolidating services will be to move all of MCS' offices to one Jefferson City location, 1320 Creek Trail Drive, in September. As part of the one-stop-shop plan, MCS will be converting three outdated computer systems into one accessible and convenient web-based system. The new system will allow motor carriers to register online using credit

cards and other forms of Internet payment. It will also allow over dimension/ overweight permits to be issued electronically, rather than manually, speeding the process.

We live in a Mapquest world

where we punch a button and get a map. We don't have that ability at MCS ... yet. Will we have that ability tomorrow? No, it will take time, but we are working on it. MCS is also working to cross-train many of the unit's 90 employees to improve efficiency and help staff schedules to be more flexible. This really is an exciting time for motor carriers in our state. I expect in the next two to three years, Missouri will be a national leader with its one-stop shop.

Another important change for MCS involves legislation proposed this year that will allow commercial motor carriers to register their vehicles throughout the year. Current requirements allow registration only during the last quarter of the year, which bottlenecks the process.

One of the greatest rewards at MoDOT is working to make our transportation system more successful, not just for us, but also for our customers. I am anxious to partner with the motor carrier industry as we move forward in our one-stop endeavors.



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Federal and State Safety Regulation Updates

RSPA-99-5013 (HM-229); Hazardous Materials: Revisions to Incident Reporting Requirements and the Hazardous Materials Incident Report Form; Final rule; Published Dec. 3, 2003; Effective Date: July 1, 2004; 68 FR 67745.

Summary: RSPA is revising the incident-reporting requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations and the hazardous-materials incident-report form, DOT Form F 5800.1. The major changes adopted in this final rule include: Collecting more specific information on the incident reporting form; expanding reporting exceptions; expanding reporting requirements to persons other than carriers; reporting undeclared shipments of hazardous materials; and reporting non-release incidents involving cargo tanks. These revisions will assure an increase in the usefulness of data collected for risk analysis and management by government and industry and, where possible, provide relief from regulatory requirements.

RSPA-98-4952 (HM-223); Applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to Loading, Unloading, and Storage; Final rule; Published 10/30/2003; Effective Date: Oct. 1, 2004; 68 FR 61905.

Summary: RSPA is clarifying the applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to specific functions and activities, including hazardous materials loading and unloading operations and storage of hazardous materials during transportation. We are also listing in the HMR pre-transportation functions to which the HMR apply.

Pre-transportation functions are functions performed to prepare hazardous materials for transportation in commerce by persons who offer a hazardous material for transportation or cause a hazardous material to be transported. Transportation functions are functions performed as part of the actual movement of hazardous materials in commerce, including loading, unloading, and storage of hazardous materials that is incidental to that movement.

For purposes of applicability of the HMR, "transportation in commerce" begins when a carrier takes possession of a hazardous material and continues until the carrier delivers the package containing the hazardous material to its destination as indicated on shipping papers or other shipping documentation.

49 CFR Parts 380 and 391[Docket FMCSA-97-2176] Minimum Training Requirements for Longer Combination Vehicle Operators and LCV Driver-Instructor Requirements

Action: Final rule published March 30, 2004; effective June 1, 2004.

Summary: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration establishes standards for minimum training requirements for the operators of longer combination vehicles and requirements for the instructors who train these operators. This action is in response to section 4007 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, which directed that training for the operators of LCVs include certification of an operator's proficiency by an instructor who has met the requirements established by the Secretary of Transportation. The purpose of this final rule is to enhance the safety of commercial motor vehicle operations on our nation's highways.

49 CFR Parts 390 and 391[Docket No. FMCSA-97-2277] Safety Performance History of New Drivers

Action: Final rule published March 30, 2004; effective April 29, 2004.

Summary: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration amends the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to specify: The minimum driver safety-performance-history data that new or prospective employers are required to seek for applicants under consideration for employment as a commercial motor-vehicle driver; where, and from whom, that information must be sought; and that previous employers must provide the minimum driver-safety-performance-history information. This action will enable prospective motor-carrier employers to make more sound hiring decisions of drivers to improve CMV safety on our nation's highways.

For more information go to http://hazmat.dot.gov/rules_history/rules_index.htm. You can also get information on published rules at <http://dmses.dot.gov>.

Note: The Office of Hazardous Materials Safety is providing copies of every rulemaking action issued since November 1967 that affected the HMR. However, this project is a work in progress and only those rulemaking actions with a docket number of HM-200 or higher are currently available. Information available in the tables can be searched by using the "Search" function of your web browser.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Selects MoDOT Manager to Chair New Committee

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, a North American safety organization made up of federal, state and local enforcement and industry personnel, has selected MoDOT Motor Carrier Services Enforcement Manager Ben Goodin to chair a newly formed program initiatives committee. The purpose of the committee is to develop strategies to enhance CVSA's effectiveness in support of the strategic plan through analysis of best practices in current and new/innovative programs.

The committee will:

1. Work closely with enforcement/regulatory agencies and the industry to explore, share and evaluate best practices for promoting results-oriented, decision-making and performance-based delivery.
2. Discuss the development, implementation and results of Commercial Vehicle Safety plans and other performance-based planning activities in member jurisdictions.
3. Monitor, evaluate and provide recommendations as to the effectiveness of compliance reviews, safety audits, roadside inspections, traffic enforcement and other

compliance and enforcement activities in member jurisdictions.

4. Promote harmonization and uniformity in regulatory and enforcement programs between Canada, the United States and Mexico.
5. Develop a plan for management of data to support the needs of the membership.
6. Assist in the design and management of Roadcheck, Operation Air Brake and other CVSA-sponsored enforcement programs.
7. Evaluate and provide input to CVSA's Strategic Plan.
8. Serve as a resource to other CVSA committees.

Goodin has been an active participant of CVSA for the past 13 years. He has served as a voting member of CVSA's Training Committee until recently when he was assigned to the Legal and Regulatory Committee. The Legal and Regulatory Committee has been eliminated from the CVSA structure, and many of their duties were absorbed within the Program Initiatives Committee.

Implementation of PRISM Program in Missouri

The Performance and Registration Information Systems Management program is a federal program linking U.S. Department of Transportation motor-carrier safety information with state motor-vehicle registration and licensing systems. PRISM is designed to determine safety fitness of the motor carrier prior to issuing license plates and to improve safety performance. This program also involves the identification, collection and maintenance of DOT numbers for the registrant and motor carrier responsible for safe operation of each vehicle being registered.

Last year, Missouri signed a letter of intent to participate in this program. In April 2004, staff from the Federal Motor Carrier Administration visited with Motor Carrier Services and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, going over the numerous requirements of the program. The implementation of this program will be coordinated with the development of new computer system for MCS and will be implemented in phases.

The first part of this new program will involve having each registrant who purchases an International Registration Plan plate to have a US DOT number. In the next few months, MCS will be sending out information and forms for those who will need a US DOT number for the upcoming IRP renewal period. During this next renewal, it will also be important to verify the name on your renewal with the name on file for any existing US DOT number.

More information will be mailed to you in the near future or included in your renewal packet.

For more information on the PRISM program, you may view FMCSA web site at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/factsfigs/prisbro.htm>.

Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Drivers Included in Medical Exemption Program

Motor Carrier Services' new Medical Exemption Program now includes insulin-treated diabetes-mellitus drivers.

Drivers generally could not operate commercial-motor vehicles once they were diagnosed with insulin-treated diabetic mellitus. On Sept. 22, 2003, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration began accepting applications for diabetes exemptions from insulin-treated diabetic-mellitus drivers. Missouri now also accepts applications for skill-performance-evaluation certificates from these drivers.

The MCS application process for this mirrors the requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Exemption Program. After the completed application packet is received and reviewed, the driver may become le-

gally qualified to operate in Missouri intrastate commerce. The final decision will be issued within 180 days of the date Motor Carrier Services the completed application packet. An application packet or more information on who may qualify and how tests are administered may be obtained by calling toll-free at 1-866-831-6277 or by writing Motor Carrier Services at the following address.

Motor Carrier Services
Medical Exemption Program
Attn: Kathy Hatfield
P.O. Box 893
Jefferson City, MO 65105-0893

Over Dimension/Overweight Permit Staff Get Electronic Maps

In an effort to speed up the process of issuing over dimension/overweight permits, Motor Carrier Services, along with the assistance from MoDOT Transportation System analysts, have been working for months to develop electronic county road maps for Missouri with height data for approximately 3,400 overpasses, including rail and pedestrian.

As of May 1, maps for 108 of the state's 114 counties have been completed. Staff continue to work on the remaining counties involving St. Louis and Kansas City.

The new maps will allow staff to view routes and overpass data via the computer for verification and issuing special permits. This is the first of many efforts that will be taking place in the next two years to address the large number of permits issued; the need to fully automate the permit process on a web-based system for issuance without staff intervention; and the continued need to protect the highway infrastructure.

Fall Training Schedule

MCS will again be conducting training sessions designed to help motor carriers comply with Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations and updates on IRP, IFTA, Overdimension/Overweight Permitting, Intrastate and other programs.

The sessions will held at the same time in different rooms at the locations and dates shown below. A special program session will be held for permit companies in Jefferson City on July 8, 2004. The sessions are free. Seating is limited. Watch the mail for further information.

Jefferson City – Aug. 9

Sikeston – Aug. 24

Kirksville – Aug. 12

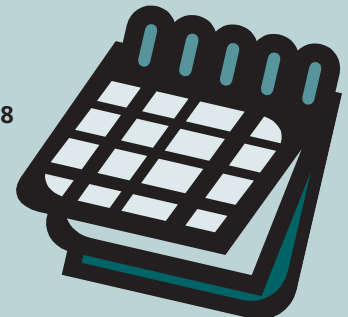
St Louis – Sept. 9

Joplin – Aug. 17

St Joseph – Sept. 21

Springfield – Aug. 18

Lees Summit – Sept. 28



Changes to the International Registration Plan For 2005

Here are some changes to the International Registration Plan that will be effective Oct. 1, 2004.

Article II, Section 234 - Owner-Operator

Requires the base jurisdiction to verify that a lease exists between the owner-operator and the motor carrier. For renewals and new applications under an owner-operator's name, a copy of the lease will be required to be submitted.

Article II, Section 906 - Place of Business

Sets forth additional information that may be requested such as driver's license, national and local tax filings and voter registration as a means of verifying that an owner-operator's place of business is in the jurisdiction of the vehicle's registration.

Article II, Section 910 - Renames the Hunter's Permit as an Unladen Weight Permit

This temporary permit allows an owner-operator leaving employment of a motor carrier the ability to seek employment elsewhere operating at the empty weight. Although the national permit name has changed, MCS will refer to this as the Hunter's Permit until Missouri statutes change.

Article V, Section 504 - Cancellation of Registration Plates and Cab Cards

Allows the base jurisdiction to cancel, suspend or revoke any registration credential in the event of erroneous issuance, or if the registrant fails to pay fees.

Motor Carrier One-Stop Shop in Place This Fall

MCS Moving To A Single Location

All Motor Carrier Services staffing for the International Registration Plan, International Fuel Tax Agreement, Overdimension/Overweight Permitting, Single State Registration, Interstate and Intrastate Authority, Housemovers' License, Hazardous Waste, Waste Tire and the central regional office for Safety Enforcement **will be moving to a single new location at 1320 Creek Trail Drive, Jefferson City, Mo. by Sept. 1, 2004.**

Please continue contacting staff at their current phone numbers and at P.O. Box 893, Jefferson City, Mo, 65105-0893 mailing address. This facility will have 10 truck parking spaces and be located within a few blocks of Route 179 for easy access.

Datelines

July 5

Independence Day (Observed) MCS Offices Closed

July 31

Second quarter International Fuel Tax Agreement returns are due

Aug. 1

Renewal period begins for Single State Registration, Interstate Exempt Stamps and Intrastate Stickers

Aug. 18-19

IFTA and International Registration Plan renewals will be mailed. Recommend filing renewals by Sept. 15, 2004. Renewals must be postmarked Oct. 1, 2004.

Sept. 6

Labor Day MCS Offices Closed

MCS is Making Progress with:

- Contract awarded for MCS new web-based computer system
- Automated Vertical Clearance maps for verification of OD/OW permitting
- New legislation for staggered registration on Governor's desk
- Fall bus inspections
- Fall training sessions
- New household-goods consumer brochure
- Booth in the Highway Gardens at the State Fair beginning Aug. 12

Did You Know?

MCS just completed another group of safety and hazardous-materials training sessions. These training sessions are free for members of the motor-carrier industry. If you have suggestions for specific safety issues or other topics for training courses, please contact us. Watch for announcements of future training courses and dates.

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If you have any questions or comments, please send them to the address at left.

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International Fuel Tax Agreement Regulations, Missouri IFTA applications, temporary fuel permits	Location: 1617 Southridge Drive Jefferson City, MO 65109 Mail: P. O. Box 893 Jefferson City, MO 65105	573-751-6433 Fax: 573-751-0916
Overdimension and Overweight Regulations, permits, blanket permits	Location: 2211 St. Mary's Blvd. Jefferson City, MO 65109 Mail: P. O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102	573-751-2871 or (800) 877-8499 Fax: 573-751-7408
Single State Registration, Interstate Exempt, Intrastate Authority, Housemovers License, Hazardous Waste and Waste Tires Applications, SSRS receipts, stamps, stickers, licenses, proof of insurance	Location: 1617 Southridge Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109 Mail: P. O. Box 1216 Jefferson City, MO 65102	573-751-3358 or 866-831-6277 Fax: 573-522-6708
Safety and HM Regulations/Enforcement Information, regulations, training, compliance reviews, educational contacts, complaint investigations	Location: 301 W. High, Truman Bldg., Room 230, Jefferson City, MO 65101 Mail: P. O. Box 1216 Jefferson City, MO 65102	573-751-7117 or 866-831-6277 Fax: 573-751-4354

Web sites: www.carrier.state.mo.us and www.modot.org